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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post-office address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name,

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#### **METHOD OF PRODUCING A NONWOVEN FABRIC FROM FILAMENTS**

the specification of which was filed 2 December 2003 as application 10/727,091.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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#### Prior Foreign Application

Country	Number	Filing Date	Priority claimed
Europe	03002932.6	10 February 2003	Yes

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